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For: Method of drying metallic waste of
pyrophoric tendencies that is to be
compacted; apparatus and compacting
canister associated with said method

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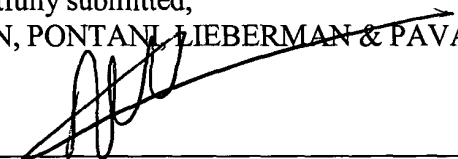
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